

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Mr Butler's  
Budget

THE people of Britain in most walks of life have reason to feel pleased, though perhaps not wholly satisfied with Mr Butler's 1955/6 budget. It is somewhat less vote-catching than expected, but it does faithfully reflect the nation's current financial state—the ability to enjoy some tax concessions without imperilling the exchequer. For 2,400,000 persons the budget is extremely popular; they, through the proposed concessions, are removed from any direct tax liability. They will have a chance of expressing their gratitude in the near future. Yet an even wider appeal could have been made by Mr Butler had he allowed political expediency to overrule his financial sagacity and applied remissions to daily essentials such as beer and tobacco. The Chancellor very properly emphasised that Britain's current economy, though sound, imposed limitations on concessions which could be applied to taxation, both direct and indirect, and in the light of this dictum, Mr Butler deserves congratulations for spreading the benefits as widely as he has. The average family (and that means the worker) is well looked after by the Chancellor's proposals and certainly no one in Britain will begrudge the helping hand he has extended to those in retirement whose income depends on depreciated investments. The individual, in fact, gains appreciably from the budget.

LESS satisfied is industry, particularly the textile industries of Lancashire, Mr Butler's removal of 50 per cent of the purchase tax on certain textiles is little more than a gesture. Its practical value to Lancashire is doubtful. Theoretically, with the direct taxation reductions allied to the halving of purchase tax, the people of Britain will be in a position to buy the more expensive Lancashire textile products and reject the cheaper imported articles. But, as the Lancashire industrialists know full well, though many ranges of imported textiles are much cheaper in retail price, they are not far behind the home product in quality, and in many cases, are equal. Hence the housewife, even with more money in her purse, can be expected to continue buying the cheaper priced articles.

ON grounds of fair treatment, Lancashire has a powerful case for the abolition of purchase tax on textiles. The tax as applied today is discriminatory, and so far as the British textile manufacturers are concerned, adds yet another handicap in the solving of their problem to compete with imported commodities in the home market. Moreover, if purchase tax were completely removed from textiles it is doubtful whether this would upset the exchequer's equilibrium. After allowing for his proposed concessions, the Chancellor still estimates a surplus of £148 million, which would be regarded as nice budgeting in any country. But while there will be some disappointment in Britain over Mr Butler's concessions, the budget as a whole is certain of a popular reception. It is realistic, notably in the manner in which cognisance is taken of the danger of inflation, and the need to prevent this threat materialising. While not primarily designed as an election budget, it is one that could very easily win the Conservatives another 20 seats and a safe majority in the next parliament.

Singapore  
Politicians  
Beginning  
To Fall Out

Singapore, Apr. 20. The Labour Front which swept into power in the recent Singapore elections is getting into trouble much sooner than even its opponents expected. Ten days after it had won a majority in the new Government, one of its leaders, Mr C. H. Koh, was reported to have resigned in protest. The Labour Front later issued a statement denying that Mr Koh had quit the Front but did not elaborate on the subject or explain what differences there were between the Front and Mr Koh. Another Labour member, Captain T. D. Richards, in an open letter published in the Straits Times, today called upon the leader of the Labour Front, Mr David Marshall, to resign from the post of Chief Minister to which he was appointed after the election victory.

**CAPTAIN'S COMPLAINT**  
Captain Richards personally wrote to Mr Marshall on Monday when the latter, in his capacity of Chief Minister, held a "meet the people" session at the Public Relations Office during which he interviewed the common man. Captain Richards charged that 12 minutes before closing time on nomination day he was approached by two members of the Labour Front executive to withdraw his candidature in order to give a candidate of a third party a free run in the constituency. Captain Richards said he acceded to the request on the understanding that he would be given a nominated seat in the Labour Front was returned to power. He said he did so against strong disapproval of his Asian seamen supporters.

**"HORRIFIED"**  
Captain Richards said that he and his supporters were "horrorified" to learn after the election victory that the two nominated seats earmarked for the Labour Front had gone to Mr Francis Thomas and Mr Richard C. H. Lim. Captain Richards claimed that Asian seamen had been let down and that although the Labour Front leader, Mr David Marshall, had written to him asking for suggestions about bettering the condition of seamen "there was little a land-lubber could do for them."—United Press.

Bandung &  
Palestine

Bandung, Apr. 21. A flare up over another world trouble spot—Palestine—will be the first problem to be discussed when the political committee of the Asian-African Conference meets today.

The Arab States supported by the predominantly Moslem nations, Pakistan and Afghanistan, yesterday launched an all-out attack on Israel. Despite protests from Burmese Prime Minister U. Nu and Lukewarm support from India's Nehru, they persisted in fighting for a declaration on the conference attitude to Palestine and to the Arab refugee problem. China's Premier Chou En-lai joined the debate—marking, according to observers, the first Communist Chinese sign of interest in Palestine. He supported the theory of a declaration on Palestine, but objected to suggestions that it should be based on the United Nations efforts to settle the dispute.—Reuter.

CITIZENSHIP  
AGREEMENT

Bandung, Apr. 21. Indonesia and Communist China have reached agreement on the four-year-old question of "dual citizenship" of Indonesia's two and a half million Chinese, an Indonesian Cabinet Minister told Reuter today. He said he expected an agreement would be signed tomorrow. Under the proposed provisions, Chinese here would have to choose whether they would become Indonesian citizens or "Chinese foreigners"—Reuter.

IMPRESSIVE BIRTHDAY PARADE



Fine Display  
By Combined  
Services

Hongkong officially celebrated the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II this morning, when several thousand men and women of the Combined Services marched past His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, at Kowloon.

Large crowds thronged the pavements along the route—as many as nine deep at several spots, and cheered loudly when the servicemen, smart in their green, white and khaki summer drill, marched and drove past in an hour-long military display.



Gurkha Rifles, 81 Troop RASC (Pack Transport); 22 Independent Platoon WRAC; the Hongkong Chinese Training Unit and Corps of Drums, 1 Essex.

REKDF CHEERED

The cheering of the crowd increased as men and women of the various branches of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force swung smartly past the dais to the stirring strains of "Leather Stocking"—their regimental march played by the Band and Corps of Drums of the REKDF. This contingent was under the command of the Acting Commandant, Lt-Col. O. F. Newton Dunn, and consisted of 42 Drums from the "Leather Stocking" Band, a Troop of 27 Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, a Battery of 72 Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, a Detachment of Movement Light Troop, 24 Field Engineer Regiment, Hongkong Signal Regiment, 1 King's Own, 1 Essex, 1 Northampton, 1 North Stafford, 2/2 Gurkha Rifles, and 2/7 Gurkha Rifles.

His Excellency the Governor took the salute, standing on a dais specially erected for the occasion opposite the United Services Recreation Club in Gascoigne Road. Arriving at 10 a.m., the Governor was met by His Excellency The Commander British Forces, Lt-General C. S. Sugden.

The 1st Battalion The North Staffordshire Regiment gave the Royal Salute, and the first six bars of the National Anthem were played as the personal standard of H.E. the Governor was broken.

The next part of the ceremony, symbolised the arrival of Her Majesty the Queen. The Governor, General Sugden and the Service Commanders vacated the dais as His Excellency the Governor lowered Her Majesty's arrival was greeted with a Royal Salute, the breaking of the Royal Standard and the playing of the National Anthem.

The traditional 21-gun salute was then fired by the 14th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, punctuated by three volleys of a feu-de-jolie fired by the 1st Battalion The North Staffordshire Regiment. This was followed by three loud cheers for Her Majesty by the troops on parade in the area.

Her Majesty was then represented as departing. The Royal Standard was lowered and the Governor's personal standard, was hoisted, as His Excellency, General Sugden and the Service Commanders resumed the dais.

MARCH PAST

The Parade, which had formed up earlier in the morning, then moved past the saluting base in two columns—one on foot and the other mechanised. Each unit marched past to its own regimental march.

At the head of the marching column was the Royal Naval Contingent, led by the Band of the 7th Queen's Own Hussars and commanded by Commander R. Gabbett-Mulholland, RN. Men of this contingent were representatives of H.M. ships Tamar, Crane and Opesum.

Next was the Army Contingent, under the command of Lt-Col. N. J. Dickson, and consisting of 24 Field Engineer Regiment, Royal Engineers, Corps of Drums and 1st Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment, 2/2 Gurkha Rifles, Pipes and Drums and 2/7

Ceylon's  
Plan For  
Formosa

Given Sceptical  
Reception

London, Apr. 20. The Ceylonese plan for ending the crisis in the Formosa Straits revealed today was greeted with scepticism in British diplomatic circles.

The plan, sponsored by Ceylon's Prime Minister Sir John Kotelawala, who heads his country's delegation to the Bandung Asian-African Conference calls for a five-year trusteeship of the Colombo Powers over the island, to be followed by a plebiscite in which the Formosans themselves would decide their future.

The Colombo Powers are India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Burma and Ceylon. British diplomats were of the opinion that any plan, which could end the tension over the island would be welcome—but that the Kotelawala plan could hardly be accepted by the interested countries, namely the United States, Nationalist China and Communist China.

CHINA'S RELUCTANCE

The same circles felt that the reluctance of the Communist Chinese delegation to the Bandung Conference even to discuss the Ceylonese proposal was the reason for the adjournment today of the special eight-delegation meeting at which Sir John's proposal was to have been discussed.

Diplomatic circles here are hopeful, however, that the question of Formosa will be brought up in private conversations between Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-lai and other delegates, particularly with Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

Through such conversations, it is hoped that China's attitude toward a ceasefire in the Formosa Straits can be ascertained.—France-Press.

WOMEN URGE  
H-BOMB TALKS

Harrogate, Apr. 20. Delegates representing 420,000 British Labour women today called for talk "as speedily as possible" and at "the highest level" between Britain, America and Soviet Russia on the hydrogen bomb.

Britain was urged to take the initiative in arranging such talks with a view to lessening world tension and preparing the way for effective world disarmament.—Reuter.

Landslide Buries  
Village

Djakarta, Apr. 20. A total of 500 persons were killed last Sunday when a landslide buried the Central Java village of Pakstran under 15 feet of dirt and rock, reports reaching here from the remote village said today. Only two villagers escaped death in the catastrophe and only four bodies have so far been recovered.—France-Press.

MORRISON  
OPENS  
CAMPAIGN

London, Apr. 20. The British Labour Party stands "four-square behind the United Nations for active policies for the protection of peace and liberty, and international disarmament," said Deputy leader Herbert Morrison in a speech at Harrogate tonight, opening Labour's electoral campaign.

Criticising the basic with which the Government has fixed the election, Mr Morrison said that the "country should have had some opportunity of seeing the new Prime Minister in action before voting especially in view of his extremely limited administrative experience in our domestic affairs."

He described as "utter nonsense" the views of certain people that there is no noticeable difference in policy between the Tory and the Labour parties. Mr Morrison is responsible for the direction of Labour Party policy and electioneering planning until the leader of the Opposition, Mr Clement Attlee returns from Canada.—France-Press.

SIR WINSTON  
PAINTS

Syracuse, Apr. 20. The bad weather which had dogged Sir Winston Churchill on his Sicilian holiday, cleared today to allow him to get in several hours of painting at the famous grotto of Cordari.

Afterwards, he met with Sicilian painter Giuseppe Semmo who presented him with two pictures, one of the Facade of the Cathedral of Syracuse and the other a view of the Grotto of Cordari, which Semmo also is busy putting on canvas.

Lady Churchill spent a good part of the day walking around the ruins of Casala.—France-Press.

Model Charged  
With Murder

London, Apr. 20. Miss Ruth Ellis, smartly dressed 28-year-old London model with silver-blue tinted hair, appeared for two minutes in court here today on a charge of shooting a motor racing driver outside a tavern on London's Hampstead Heath.

She stood in the dock until the magistrate decided to remand her in custody for another week when the prosecution hoped to be ready to go ahead with its case.

David Blakely, 25, was found collapsed and dying outside the tavern on Easter Sunday night as holiday crowds drifted out from the northwest London Common. He was due to race next day in a special car he had helped design himself and was booked as an official Bristol Company driver in next June's Le Mans race in France.

Miss Ellis, when charged with his murder, was stated today to have told the police officer: "Thanks"—China Mail Special.

NO CAUSE FOR  
ANXIETY

London, Apr. 20. Sir John Cockcroft, Director of Britain's Harwell atomic research centre, said today that radioactivity unleashed by the current atomic tests throughout the world was "at present so low that it should not cause any anxiety."

He said that radioactive dust centred in the atmosphere by atomic explosions could only have an "extremely small effect" on weather conditions.—France-Press.

Radford's  
Mission  
In Taipei

To Plan Evacuation  
Of Quemoy, Matsu

Washington, Apr. 20. An informed American diplomatic source said today that the real mission in Formosa of Admiral Arthur Radford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will be to prepare the Chinese Nationalist Government for eventual evacuation of the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu "in the interest of world peace."

Adm. Radford and Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson left by plane for Formosa earlier today. The source said that the United States leaders are no longer opposed to the idea of evacuating the two powder-keg islands.

They are, however, afraid of the effects the evacuation may have on the "morale" of the Nationalists, and they will, therefore, study with Chinese Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek means of lessening the repercussions of evacuation, the source said.

NOT EASY TASK

This task will not be easy, since President Chiang has repeatedly declared publicly that his forces would defend the two offshore islands "at all costs, with or without the aid of the United States."

Mr Robertson and Adm. Radford were considered the best men for the mission because Mr Robertson is an old personal friend of Chiang, and Adm. Radford has always been the champion of Nationalist China, the source said. They will be able to speak frankly and in an atmosphere of trust with the Nationalist President.

The source said that Secretary of State Mr John Foster Dulles has already indicated to Australian Prime Minister Mr Menzies that the offshore islands will probably be evacuated within the next few months.

BRITISH SUGGESTION

The source said that the British Government suggested to Washington that in order to bolster Nationalist morale, American troops should be stationed on Formosa.

Washington was believed unfavourable to this solution, and will probably simply increase the shipment of supplies to Formosa and the Pescadores—with emphasis on defensive weapons.—France-Press.

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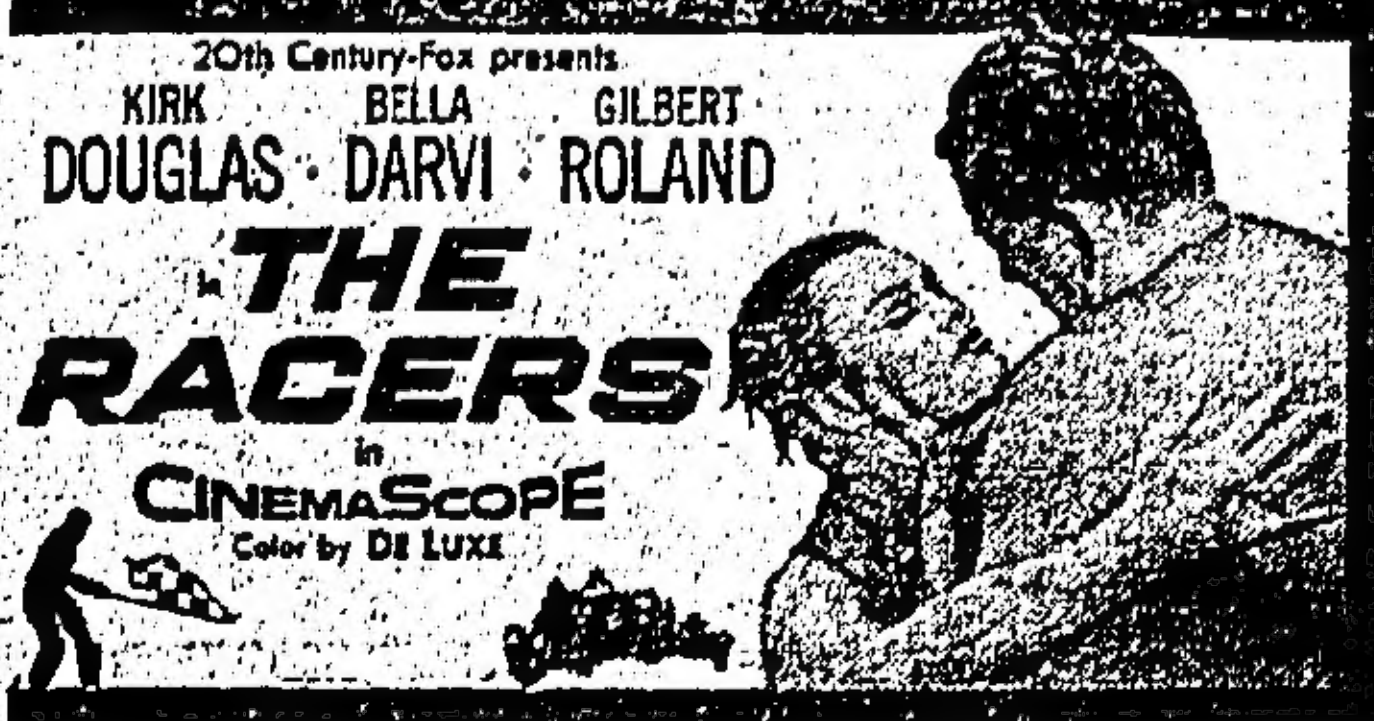
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But With One Reservation:

## AMBASSADORS TO MEET FIRST

London, Apr. 20.

Soviet Russia's call for a Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference in Vienna to discuss the Austrian State Treaty evoked favourable echoes in the West today — with one reservation.

Diplomatic quarters generally welcomed Russia's notes asking for the Big Four conference with Austria but the Western Powers thought the Ambassadors in Vienna should meet first to complete the draft of such a treaty.

A Moscow dispatch said the question of a meeting of Ambassadors before Foreign Ministers was still an "open question."

Some diplomatic sources in Moscow said any meeting would probably be held before the May 26 elections in Britain with mid-May being the most likely time.

The chief problem to be settled at a meeting of the Ambassadors would be the type of guarantee Russia wants the four Occupation Powers to give that there would never be another Anschluss as in 1938 when Nazi Germany absorbed Austria.

## OTHER QUESTIONS?

Informed diplomatic sources said if the Ambassadors were able to thrash out the outstanding Austrian problems before the Foreign Ministers met, the Foreign Ministers could discuss other important measures as well.

The Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, told the House of Commons yesterday Britain was "anxious for negotiations with the Soviet Government as soon as possible after ratification of the London agreements" to re-arrange West Germany.

Sir Anthony reiterated earlier Foreign Office statements that Britain "certainly welcomed" last week's call by Austria and Russia for early signature of an Austrian treaty, which had been blocked since the end of the war by the Russians. Nevertheless, preliminary conferences between the Western Powers had led diplomats to conclude that clarification of the

terms of an Austrian treaty are needed and that it would be best to let the Ambassadors do this.

## TALKS WITH U.S.

Sir Anthony told the House he hoped examination of the Soviet proposals would start "soon" but he did not state at what level he thought such an examination would take place. The Foreign Office has already decided on early consultations with United States representatives on the Soviet proposals. There is a note of optimism about the forthcoming talks although the West remains wary until the terms of the Soviet proposals can be examined closely. But it is the most positive Kremlin approach to the problem and the Big Three are hoping for the best.

The Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Leopold Figl, speaking in Vienna last night, disclosed that Russia had promised to back Austria for full membership in the United Nations after the State treaty is signed.

Dr. Figl said the Soviet promise was made last week when he went to Moscow with the Chancellor, Herr Julius Raab, and other Austrian diplomats for the treaty talks. —United Press.

## TEMPLER HOME

London, Apr. 20. General Sir Gerald Templer, former High Commissioner for Malaya, returned to London by air from Rome today after visiting Cyprus and Uganda on a special mission for the Ministry of Defence. He has been studying the organisation and administration of colonial forces. —Reuter.



The Oerlikon Buhle Company of Zurich-Oerlikon, Switzerland have just produced what is claimed to be the latest and most up-to-date dictaphone in the world. The "sender" of a letter just speaks in letter form. The record is placed into an ordinary envelope and sent to the addressee — who "reads" his letter by playing it on his own machine and replies in the same way. The picture shows: The "letter" is placed into an envelope for transmission after being recorded on the Ultravox. —Express Photo.

## NEHRU TO CONFER WITH VIETNAM DELEGATES

Bandung, Apr. 20.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, will have private talks on the Vietnam situation with the Communist North Vietnam and free South Vietnam delegates to the Asian and African Conference on Friday, an authoritative source said tonight.

They would meet at lunch at which Mr. Krishna Menon, India's United Nations representative, would also be present. Mr. Menon, who acted as a mediator between the Communist and non-Communist powers at the Geneva Conference which ended the eight-year-old Indo-China war in July last, has been having private talks with the Indo-Chinese delegates on the progress of the Armistice agreements.

Mr. Menon and Nguyen Van Thoi, South Vietnam's Minister of Planning and Reconstruction, had private discussions in Bandung today.

Mr. Menon has already met Prince Norodom Sihanouk, leader of the Cambodian delegation to the Bandung conference, and the Laotian Prime Minister, Ratsy Sasorith.

## TO MEET CHOU

Prince Norodom, who abdicated as King of Cambodia last month, is expected to meet Chou En-lai, the Chinese Prime Minister, within the next few days.

Pham Van Dong, North Vietnam's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, flew here today from Rangoon for the 29-

nation Asian and African Conference.

Pham Van Dong was due to arrive on Sunday, but was taken ill in the Burmese capital and had to delay his departure. —Reuter.

## Butler's Budget:

## TEXTILE FIRMS DISAPPOINTED

Manchester, Apr. 20. The Cotton and Rayon Merchants Association, which represents about 1,000 textile firms, said tonight the Budget proposals had not met the fundamental problems of the Lancashire Textile Industry.

A statement from the association said that at a meeting of its Council today grave disappointment had been expressed that Mr. R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, had not abolished Purchase Tax altogether on Cotton and Rayon textiles.

"While the cuts were in the right direction the two great basic difficulties of the industry had not been overcome—the unwillingness of

## FIRMS DISAPPOINTED

distributors to stock textiles which carried purchase tax and the distribution of production to the detriment of exports," the statement said.

"A serious defect of the Budget decisions was that the reductions did not include any provision for made up garments." —Reuter.

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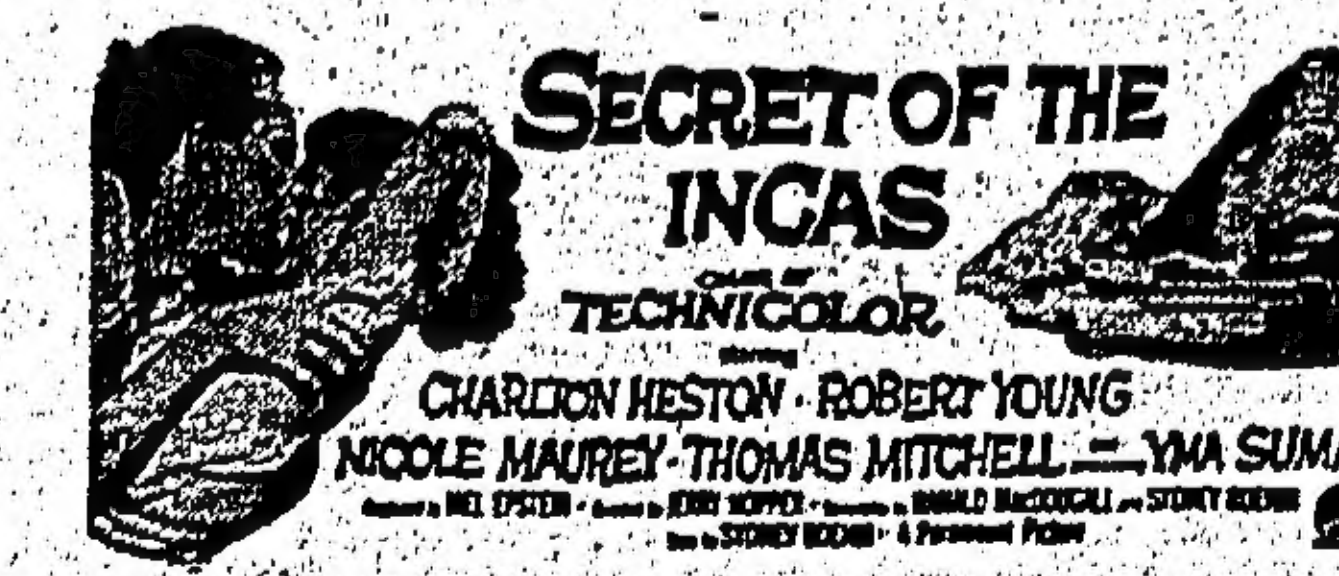
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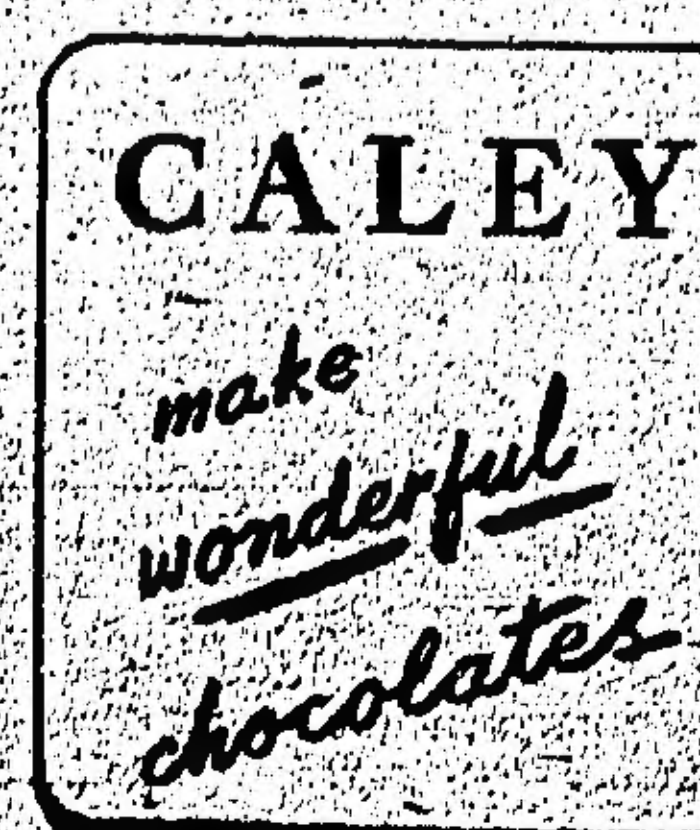
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# AUSTRALIA WILL BE STRONGEST AIR

## POWER IN S.E.A.

### America Will Supply Modern Fighters And Fast Bombers

Washington, Apr. 20.

The Australia-United States arrangement for joint defence planning, announced today, will establish Australia as the strongest air power in Southeast Asia, authoritative sources said today.

Australian and American experts here were reported to be progressing rapidly towards the "accurate assessment" of Australia's defence deficiencies which Mr R. G. Menzies mentioned in his Canberra announcement of the arrangement.

Mr Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, said the United States had agreed to consider supplying military aid equipment to his country under a plan whereby Australia accepted larger defence commitments in the area covered by the South-east Asian defence treaty.

RE-EQUIPPED

Present plans call for the Royal Australian Air Force to be completely re-equipped by 1962 with a truly supersonic force of fighters, huge long-range (probably turbo-jet) transports and modern jet bombers.

The two United States fighters under prime consideration are understood to be the swept-wing Lockheed F-104 day fighter and the delta wing Convair F-102 all-weather fighter. Both aircraft have a straight-and-level

speed in excess of 800 miles an hour.

Officials here declined to detail specific items Australia would receive under the arrangement.

But it is understood that these items probably will include the most modern technical advancements, including air and ground to ground guided missiles, special radar and radar equipment for the Royal Australian Navy and armoured units for the Army.

Informal sources said the Australian and United States defence planners feel that Australia's military capacity should be increased to maximum, beyond the point which Australia's own economy could sustain.

Then in the event of a major war, substantial power in addition to the United States' uncommitted mobile striking forces would be available for shock action in the Western Pacific.

### Habeas Corpus Application Dismissed

London, Apr. 20.

Lord Chief Justice, Lord Goddard, and two other High Court judges today dismissed a habeas corpus application for the release of Mr Joseph Napoleon Smyth, a former Lieutenant-Commander in the Royal Pakistani Navy, who is in prison here awaiting extradition to Pakistan.

Smyth's counsel said it was alleged that while serving in the Pakistani Navy in June 1953, he drew a cheque for £25,000 on the Bank of Pakistan and misappropriated the proceeds. At that time he was Base Supply Officer at Karachi.

Prosecution was instituted by the Pakistani Government and on February 2 this year he was arrested without warning and brought before a London magistrate for extradition. — China Mail Special.

### NEW RAIL SERVICE

London, Apr. 20.

Russia today inaugurated a rail service between Moscow and Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, Moscow radio reported. A single coach to Pyongyang will be attached to the Moscow-Peking Express for part of the journey and will operate twice weekly. — Reuters.

### Invitations To Chou, Nasser

Bandung, Apr. 20.

Mr Chou En-lai and Lieutenant Colonel Gamal Nasser, prime ministers of China and Egypt, will be state guests of the Indonesian Government after the Asian and African conference, according to Indonesian official sources.

These sources said Mr Chou would address a mass meeting in Djakarta with President Soekarno after the conference. Lieutenant Colonel Nasser would also visit Djakarta. — Reuters.

Madrid, Apr. 20.

The 62-year-old Chief of Staff of the Spanish Army, Gen. Juan Vigon, was stricken with partial paralysis today.

His condition was tonight reported to be extremely serious. — France-Press.

Paris, Apr. 20.

France and Tunisia failed tonight to sign agreements on home rule for the North African protectorate but their show-down attempt tomorrow.

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## Israel Criticises United Nations FRONTIER DISPUTE

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 20.

Israel sharply criticised the United Nations Security Council today for "partiality" in the Israeli-Egyptian dispute.

Discussion on the dispute was resumed yesterday by the Council.

Last month the Security Council condemned Israel for the Gaza incident in which 38 Egyptians and eight Israelis were killed.

A statement issued by the Israeli Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem today said the Council's "failure (last night) to adopt the resolution condemning Egypt for incessant violation of the armistice agreement, particularly after outrages of mine laying, sabotage and murder at Al Farah, Nirim and Nahal Oz is a manifest and disconcerting instance of partiality." — Reuters.

## ANOTHER 'FINAL' MEETING

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southern frontier areas that is the last major point holding up the historic agreement.

The French Premier, M. Edgar Faure, and the Tunisian Premier, Tahar Ben Ammar, scheduled another meeting for tomorrow morning.

It should really be the last for the Tunisian leaders since they back to Tunisia tomorrow



A radio transmitter so small as to fit in the nose of a 20-millimetre projectile and so rugged that it will withstand acceleration shocks over 20,000 times the pull of gravity, has recently been put to work on the ballistic range, developed by the US Naval Ordnance Laboratory. The tiny transmitter, known as a 20 MM Spia Sonde, will have special importance in studies of projectiles using fins as a means of providing rotation, or spin, in flight. Transmitting a signal of uniform amplitude, when used on the range, the amplitude appears to vary because of changes in the orientation of transmitter coil in relation to the antenna. A receiving antenna installed along the path of the projectile picks up the signal and feeds them into an oscilloscope. The oscilloscope traces are photographed, at stations along the range making possible a study of the characteristics of the projectile. Picture shows: An ordnance man inserts the 20 MM projectile fitted with the transmitter in the nose, in the breach of the gun. — Express Photo.

## He Was Poor As Church Mouse NOW HE IS BUILDING A CATHEDRAL

Paris, Apr. 20.

When Filippo Galliardi left his native village of Montesano, Italy for America in 1936, he was poor as a church mouse.

But after he returned from Venezuela recently he was so rich that he wanted to have a "cathedral" built in memory of his mother, who died five years ago.

First of all, he built a convent, an orphanage, a sanatorium and houses for poor people. Builders are already at work, clearing the ground.

When he arrived in Caracas, he was so penniless that he had to be given shelter by relatives. But they could not give him food and lodgings for long because they were themselves very poor. So he left them shortly afterwards and went inland. He finally found work as a bricklayer. He became so interested in his work that, for fun, he began drawing plans for houses.

The contractor, by chance, saw them and proposed to him to work as a foreman. Although he was better off, it was not the fortune he dreamed of. After a while, he gave up the job and returned to Caracas. He associated with another Italian and began working as

a contractor for himself. As the authorities were considering building a bridge in a malaria-infested area, he proposed to give his services when all other competitors were reluctant.

THE BEGINNING

He did a good job and it was the beginning of fame and fortune. He became well-known and then engaged in the big business of building houses, bridges, putting into cultivation vast areas of yet untouched land and in buying oil concerns.

He donated big sums of money, mainly to Italians struck by floods or earthquakes. And now, he inspects every day the progress of the construction of the buildings of which he dreamed when he was a child. — France-Press.

## Japanese Object To Britain's White Paper

Tokyo, Apr. 20.

The Japanese Foreign Office today made a major plea against British objections to Japan's full accession to GATT and said Japanese competition presented no immediate threat to British trade.

Senior Foreign Office officials worked into the late night here preparing a reply to the British White Paper released in London yesterday which stated Britain's opposition to admitting Japan as a full member to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) on present terms.

REGRET

In an official statement tonight the Foreign Office declared it was "a matter of regret" that Britain would not "enter into GATT relationship" with Japan.

The Foreign Office statement said: "The reason for this decision by the United Kingdom may be anxiety that present GATT provisions would be inadequate to deal with a situation in the event of an unwarrantably fierce trade competition developed between Japan and the United Kingdom." — Reuters.

## SAIGON SITUATION CRITICAL

Saigon, Apr. 20.

The city of Saigon took on the atmosphere today of civil war as several new incidents broke out in the conflict between the Government of Vietnam Premier Ngo Dinh Diem and the Binh Xuyen Sect, backed by its private army.

A truck-full of Binh Xuyen troops unleashed bursts of fire from weapons of many calibres, as night fell on Boulevard Gallieni. Within a short time, firing spread throughout the entire district.

Civilians have deserted the avenues and boulevards of Saigon. Many have evacuated their homes, jeeps and trucks full of Binh Xuyen commandos and army troops dash through the streets, with the armed men carrying their weapons with fingers on the trigger.

LEAVE HOMES

Around all strategic points near the headquarters of the Vietnamese Army and along the Chinese Arroyo, the inhabitants have left their homes.

Near the "Y" bridge which commands the approach to the headquarters of General Le Van Vien, the Binh Xuyen forces have put up barricades of logs and sandbags, while all side streets are blocked by wrecks of cars and trucks filled with explosives.

Small groups of civilians armed with machine guns and grenade have made their appearance in many districts of the city, and questioned and searched passersby. They are new "research brigades" set up by the Vietnam authorities.

Some observers expressed the fear that anarchy might develop in this tense situation and that lenders might not be able to ensure the discipline of their troops. — France-Press.

## London Stock Market Quiet

London, Apr. 20.

Stocks rose on the London Exchange today in a surprisingly quiet session.

Activity was dull in comparison to past post-Budget trading sessions. Many brokers were absent from the Exchange, presumably out looking for a provincial newspaper with details of the new Budget.

Market analysts anticipate a strong demand for stocks as a result of the Budget. They say income tax concessions contained in the Budget have strengthened the Conservatives' hold in the forthcoming elections. This in turn means a favourable climate for investors, they add.

Steel shares were marked up one shilling to pace industrial shares. Lancashire Cotton and Rolls-Royce were strong. Gold and copper shares were neglected. Oil improved fractionally. The British Government bonds did a little trading. Foreign bonds were mixed. — United Press.

### TALKED OUT OF SUICIDE

Paris, Apr. 20.

Thanks to the eloquent speech delivered from the top of a 100-foot ladder, a West Berlin fireman succeeded in convincing a would-be suicide victim that life was worth living.

A 25-year-old man — a refugee from the Soviet zone — had climbed a tower 120 feet high and was threatening to jump. For all the 30 minutes that the speech lasted, a team of firemen were shuddering with cold at the bottom of the tower, holding a net to catch the man, if he jumped. — France-Press.

### BRITAIN TO TEST NEW ANTI-POLIO VACCINE

London, Apr. 20.

A new birth vaccine to combat poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis) is to be tested on about 400 children in the north of England in the next few months.

This was revealed here tonight by Mr J. F. Boucher, President of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, at their annual dinner.

Mr Boucher recalled the production of a new 'polio vaccine' recently by the American, Dr Jonas Salk, and added that two British manufacturers had been working for some time along similar lines.

Mr Boucher said that if the forthcoming trials were successful — as he felt they will be — the new British drug will go into full production. — China Mail Special.

### Pilots Want 8 Hour Day

Montreal, Apr. 20.

Airline pilots from 20 countries today urged that a man's maximum time at the controls of a plane should be eight hours a day.

A resolution calling for the eight hour limit was passed at the final meeting here of a six-day private conference of the International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations.

Captain Clarence Sayen, the President, told reporters afterwards that pilots also wanted their authority more specifically defined under international law. — Reuters.

### Bra Dropper Leaves Manila

Manila, Apr. 20.

SHAPELY Tomoko Maruyama of the "accidental" brassiere dropping act left for Japan today after making it clear to reporters at Manila's international airport that she was doing so of her own free will.

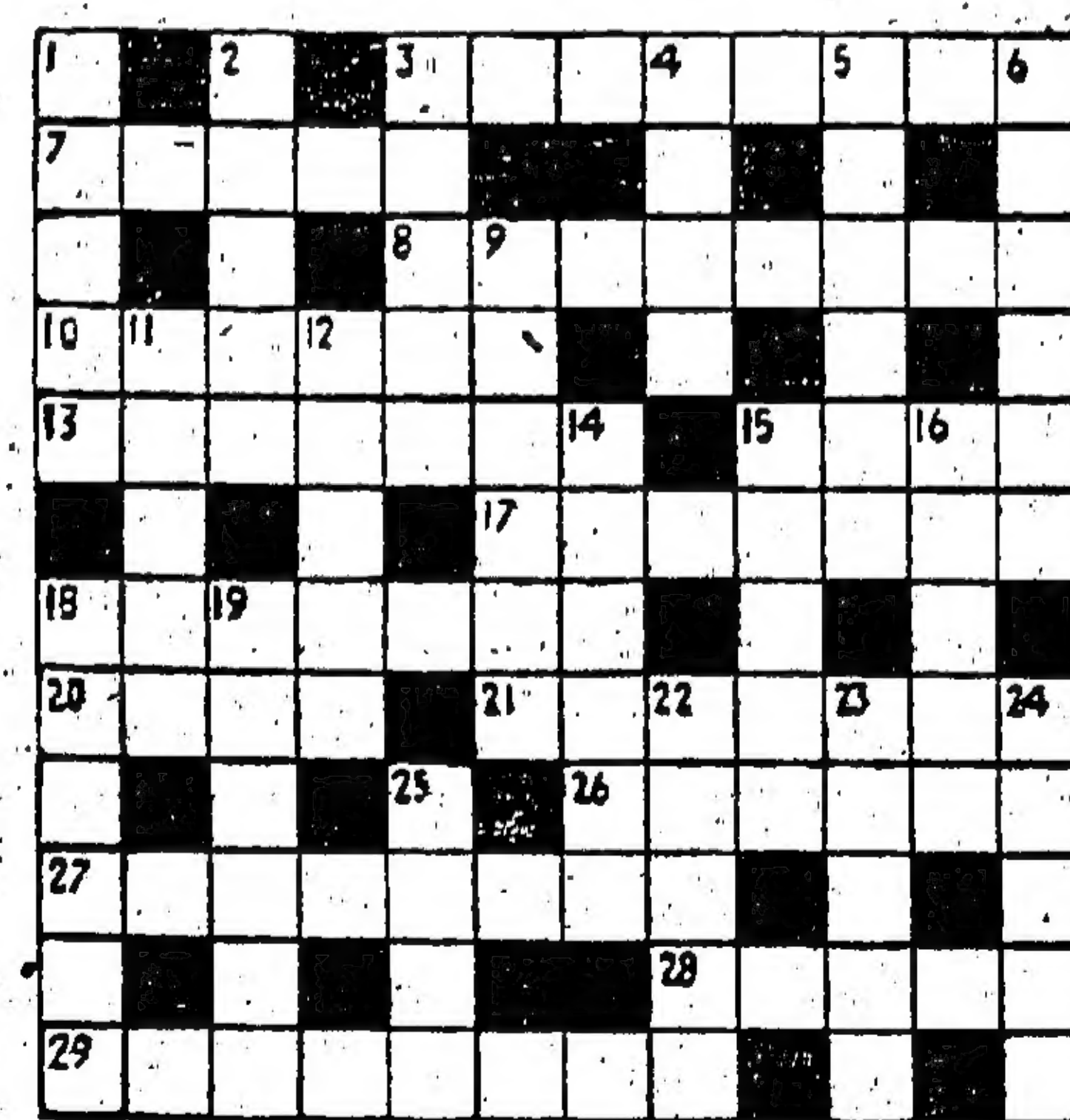
She said her departure was not the result of any action taken by the Immigration authorities but rather was the decision arrived at by Mr K. Oda, manager of a visiting nine women burlesque team.

Mr Oda, who saw the 19-year-old dancer off at the airport said he deeply sympathised with Tomoko. "She is a good girl," he said.

Tomoko had been given a week by the Immigration Bureau here to pack up and leave for having dropped her bra at a night-club performance in suburban Pasay city last week.

She had steadfastly maintained that the bra peeling phase of her act was "purely accidental." — United Press.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Friendly (8).
- 7 Drain (5).
- 8 Accompanied (8).
- 10 Withdraw an opinion (10).
- 13 Get ready (7).
- 15 Venerable historian (4).
- 17 Repeat performances (7).
- 18 Unaccompanied performer (7).
- 20 Ireland (4).
- 21 Comparisons (7).
- 28 Oppose (8).
- 29 Record (8).
- 30 Bury (5).
- 31 Roasting device (8).

DOWN

- 1 Take without right (5).
- 2 Two times (5).
- 3 Central part of amphitheatre (5).
- 4 Harvest (4).
- 5 Opposite to sweet (6).
- 6 Circulates (6).
- 8 Accent (6).
- 11 Mistake (5).
- 12 Protective garment (5).
- 13 Complete (6).
- 15 Karloff (5).
- 16 Valleys (5).
- 18 Hidden (6).
- 19 Hang around (6).
- 22 Deserve (5).
- 23 Catalogues (5).
- 24 Narrative (5).
- 25 Requests (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Buffed, 5. Erred, 8. Arena, 9. Aurora, 10. Fred, 11. Sires, 12. Soho, 13. Bests, 16. Modest, 18. Adored, 20. Yodel, 22. Dump, 23. Tense, 25. Fines, 28. Evince, 29. Stars, 30. Meets, 31. Trades. Down: 1. Bransly, 2. Forehand, 3. Bars, 4. Tractor, 5. Entered, 6. Raises, 7. Evert, 14. Strained, 15. Suppress, 16. Molester, 17. Dessert, 19. Detect, 21. Opine, 24. Ever.

## Princess' Spring Bouquet



Princess Margaret, carrying a bouquet of Spring flowers, turns to talk with the Mayor, Councillor R. J. Buckle, as she arrives to lay the foundation stone of the new Church of St. John at Newbury, Berks. The new Church replaces the structure destroyed by German bombs in February, 1942. — Associated Press.















## Hat Trick For Welsh Centre-Forward

Belfast, Apr. 20. A hat-trick by centre-forward John Charles gave Wales victory over Ireland by 3-2 in the soccer international played before a crowd of 30,000 tonight.

The sides were level at 2-2 half-time. The tall, well-built Charles virtually won the match on his own, for but for him Wales would have finished a well-beaten team. He scored two great goals early in the first half before the Irish defence had settled down, and four minutes after the start of the second half he kicked the winning goal.

Ireland were a long way ahead of Wales in the art of playing clever, aggressive football. But the finishing by their inside forwards was not up to the standard of the approach play.

**BEST PLAYER**  
Despite the brilliance of Charles, the best player on the field was Danny Blanchflower, Ireland's captain and right half. Irish fans will be very disappointed if Blanchflower is not chosen to captain the United Kingdom team to play the rest of Europe side in Belfast next August.

Ireland's goals were scored by Crossan and Walker.—Reuter.

### Guinea Callover

## Beau Prince II Is Still The Favourite

London, Apr. 20. The French horse Beau Prince II remained favourite for the 2,000 Guineas, to be run next Wednesday, at tonight's Victoria Club call-over.

Alfred Lady Derby's Acropolis still leads quotations on the Epsom Derby, although his odds were extended from six to eight to one.

There was little doing when all 27 Two Thousand Guineas acceptances were made today, were called and business was quiet. Lord Porchester's Tamerlane and America, owned by the American, Mr Ralph B. Strausburger, were backed from 10 to 8 to one for the Guinea. The Queen's colt, Alexander, stayed at his previous odds of 100-8 for the Guinea. One hundred to six was available about Alexander for the Derby.—China Mail Special.

### HOME RUGBY

Results of Rugby matches played this evening were:  
**RUGBY LEAGUE**  
Hull 24, Hull 0.  
Keighley 19, Hunslet 7.  
Liverpool City 17, Workington Town 19.  
Swinton 8, Barrow 4.  
Wakefield Trinity 31, Bradford 12.  
**RUGBY UNION**  
Aberystwyth 14, Penarth 0.  
Somerset 5, Cardiff 30.—Reuter.

## BRIGHTER TEST CRICKET FOR ENGLISH FANS IF....

Brighter Test cricket should be in store for English fans this summer. That is, if 25 per cent of the new selection committee has its say. It has done in the past. This important quarter is Wilfred Wooller, cricketer, rugby international, athlete and footballer.

Wilf, has never hidden his 6 ft. 1 1/2 in., 13 stone frame under a bushel. He began his hectic sporting career as a boy prodigy, became a stormy petrel, and has succeeded in spite of both.

In the Varsity match of 1924 he played centre-three-quarter for Cambridge. Five yards inside his own half he gained possession. Most centre-threes would have made for the line. Wooller staggered everybody by steadily himself and dropping a goal.

**WONDER GOAL**  
The ball not only soared over the cross bar but almost fell into the net. The goal is still described as one of the wonders of rugby. This spectacular play gained him the name "The Dragon of Wales" and the rating of the best three-quarter in Britain. And that was in the days of Prince Obelisk.

Wooller first played for Wales in 1923 as a 19-year-old Rydal schoolboy. His appearance in Welsh colours was quickened by the birth qualification rule, an oddity of British rugby. Born in Wales, his parents were English, and he was qualified to play for both countries. Wales got in snarled before England chose him.

**FIRST MATCH**  
His first match was against England at Twickenham. He soon showed England what they had missed, and was a regular choice for Wales up to the war, playing in 18 internationals. When Wooller took up rugby association football lost a promising centre forward. Asked to play for his office side in a Cardiff Charity Cup match just before the war, Wilf turned out as centre forward and scored seven goals.

For Wooller most of the war meant looking at the world from a Japanese prison camp. He was captured in Java in 1942. Afterwards, at 33, he came back to make almost as big a name at cricket as he had at rugby.

Glamorgan, the poor relations of English cricket, appointed him skipper. Within a year his dynamic leadership had achieved the impossible. Glamorgan had won the County Championship, Yorkshire, Middlesex, Lancashire, Surrey—all had to bow before Wooller and his Welsh tars.

They set a standard of fielding which even Australia could hardly better.

For the unpredictable Wooller can inspire others to his own heights. If he is not careful, Wilf will have to consider his own Test claims this summer. He goes from strength to strength. Last season, at 31, he completed his first double, of 1,000 runs and 400 wickets.—(London Express Service)

## Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the ..... Club.

(Signed).....

## Japan Wins Final 5-3 To Retain Swaythling Cup

Utrecht, Holland, Apr. 20.

Japan retained the Swaythling Cup, the Men's team event, in the World Table Tennis Championships here tonight.

In the Final, they beat Czechoslovakia by five matches to three. Japan won the coveted trophy for the first time at Wembley last year.

Ivan, Andreadis, the Czech ace, won all his three games but his team mates could not master the feet-footed, hard-hitting Japanese.

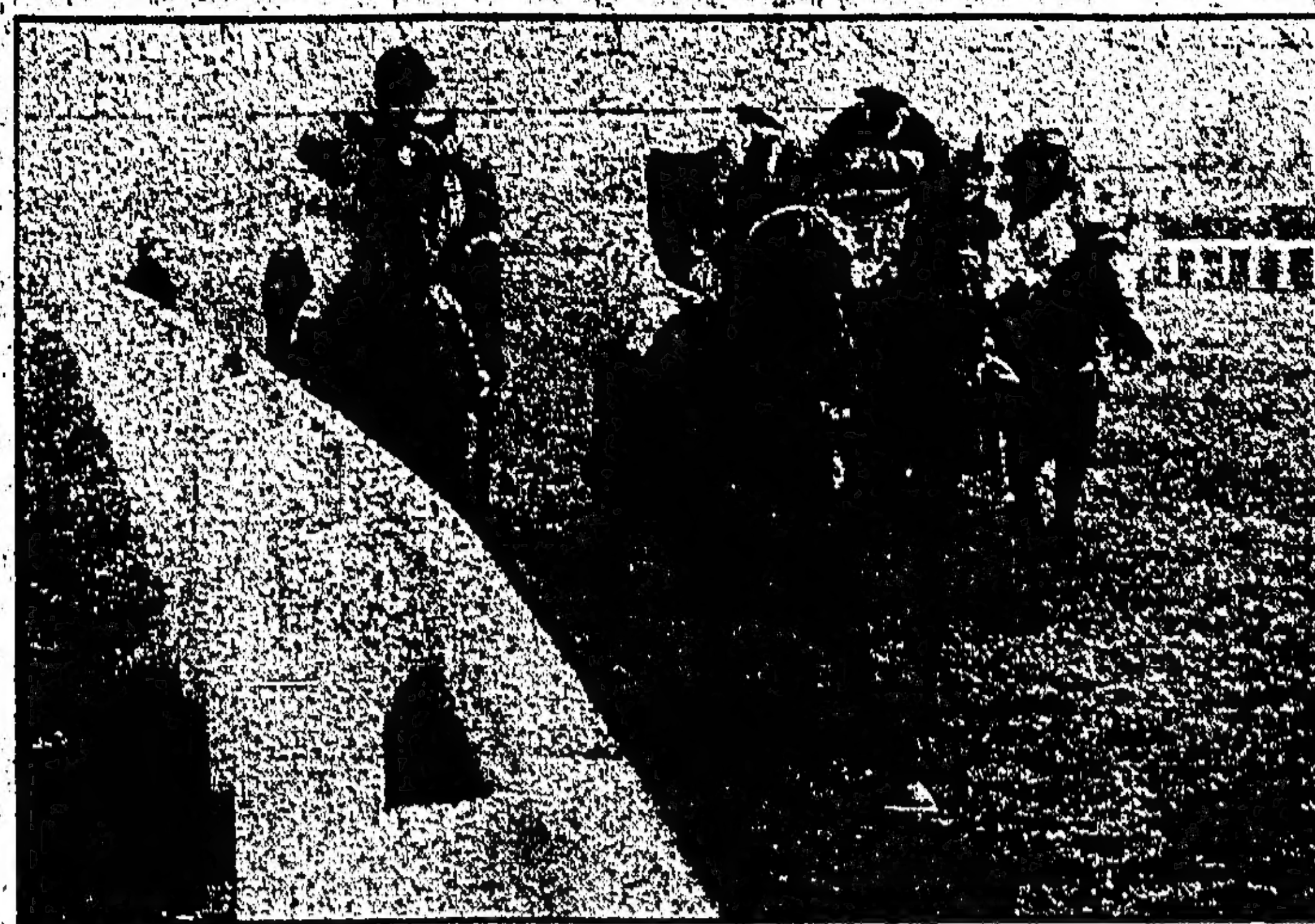
Ichiro Ogimura, the Japanese World Singles Champion, lost to Andreadis, but defeated Bohumil Vana, a former World Title holder, and Ladislav Stipek in straight games. Individual results were: (Japanese names first). Kichui Tamasa beat Ladislav Stipek 23-21, 21-15; lost to Ivan Andreadis 12-21, 19-21. Ichiro Ogimura beat Bohumil Vana 21-18, 21-18; beat Stipek 22-20, 21-19; lost to Andreadis 15-21, 20-22; beat Vana 21-9, 21-18; beat Stipek 21-12, 21-17. Rumania won the Corbillion Cup, the Women's team event for the fourth time since it was instituted in 1933-34.

They beat England 3-2 tonight in the last match of the Final. Pool of three teams. Yesterday Rumania scored a 3-2 win over the holders, Japan, who later defeated England 3-1. Diane Rowe won both her matches for England, defeating the World Singles Champion, the American, Rosemary 21-12, 21-18, but Mrs. Rosemary beat Diane's twin sister, Rosalind, who lost both matches and the Rumanians also took the doubles.—Reuter.

## League Soccer Results

London, Apr. 20.	
Association Football results:	
INTERNATIONAL MATCH	
Ireland	2 Wales
League Division I	
Leicester	2 Everton
Manchester C.	2 Wolves
Newcastle U.	3 Preston
League Division II	
Bham C.	2 Luton Town
Bury	1 Notts Forest
Doncaster	1 Stoke City
Fulham	5 Swansea
League III South	
Bournemouth	1 Southampton
Bristol	1 N'ham Orient
Gillingham	3 Queen's Park
Reading	2 Aldershot
Swindon T.	0 Southend
League III North	
Bradford C.	4 Grimsby
Chester	0 Southport
Darlington	1 Carlisle
Rochdale	2 Oldham
Widoking	4 Colchester
Wrexham	5 Crewe
Scottish League Division	
Aberion R.	0 Alloa
Ayr United	2 Morton
Housemaur	0 Queen's Park
Third Lanark	1 Hamilton

## POST HASTE AT KEMPTON PARK



Flashing past the winning post to carry off the Queen's Prize at Kempton Park is Running Water, ridden by A. Beasley. Second was Defender and third Fulbrook.—Reuterphoto.

## MATTHEWS LEADS WAY FOR ENGLAND TO RECAPTURE OLD SOCCER MAGIC

By DENNIS HART

England, former soccer masters, can still show the world a thing or two. That 7-2 slugging of the Scots matched anything we have seen for years—even from Hungary.

For Scotland played good football. It had its faults, but few sides could have so routed them. Remember, that with the exception of inside left Ian McMillan, the Scots side was man for man the one which fought so well against Hungary last year.

When England tours the Continent in May, playing France, Spain and Portugal within the space of ten days, she can show just how far her soccer has come back.

How has the revival been effected? Two reasons were plain at Wembley. First was the performance of Stanley Matthews. Second, the all round teamwork. Everything that can be written about Matthews, and he lived up to every word of it at Wembley. For he called on all the dazzling tricks and illusions of 23 years of right wing wizardry and packed them into 90 wonderful minutes. A-roving and a-wandering, he blazed trail upon trail of havoc. He was the menace without portfolio.

At 40 Matthews' worth has finally been fully realised. He was dangerous enough on the wing. With the whole field at his disposal he is devastating. Not only does Matthews get more shrewd with the years, he speeds up. He could give every Scottish defender at least two yards.

There is the first and most obvious reason for the new-look England.

**OVERSEAS INFLUENCE**  
Second is due in part to overseas influence. England played as a team, more than that, a team with balance.

Each man dovetailed into position, from the defence forward. Billy Wright and Co. faced a near-miraculous Scottish attack. But with each man doing his job, and a little more, they were seldom caught napping.

It was the same with the half backs. Ken Armstrong and Duncan Edwards both playing in their first international, found exactly the right balance between attack and defence. Their tactics often relieved pressure, their passes started many attacks.

Up front four-goal Denis Wilshaw and lion-hearted Nat Lofthouse, who scored two, positioned themselves perfectly to kick up Matthews' passes. Don Revie, sometimes playing back to give Matthews the ball, other times coming up to take it, fitted in well, as did young Frank Blunstone on the left wing.

And all this after only a few days training together. Full marks to the selectors.

**FERTINENT QUESTION**  
The one pertinent question, of course, is "what happens if Matthews fails, or when he retires?" Even Stanley cannot pull out at will performances like his Wembley display; even Stanley must retire sometime. Does England's performance give hope for the future? I think it does. It is the balance that counts.

Keeping the traditional English open game, the present side added the Continental and South American quality of moving as a unit. This is more than playing as a team, it means every man being on the alert, taking up position like cricket fielders moving in as the bowler bowls. When Matthews was giving a solo act even the backs made sure they were in the best place to keep the side balanced.

So there is more to stopping England than checking Matthews. The rhythm of ten men must be disturbed. And on this Wembley showing there can hardly be a team in the world to do it.—(London Express Service)

**One Foot Jockey Finishes Sixth In Hurdle Race**  
Dublin, Apr. 20. A jockey with only one foot finished sixth out of a field of 19 in a two-mile hurdle race here.

Maurice Dwyer, who had his foot amputated over a year ago after a shooting accident, returned to the saddle yesterday using an artificial foot.

He rode a fine race finishing ahead of the English and Irish Grand National winning jockey, Pat Taaffe and 12 others.

His mount, Played-Up, was being backed at 100 to 8.—France-Press.

**Pakistan Soccer Team To Play In Singapore**  
Singapore, Apr. 20. The Pakistan National football team will play five games here in July, the Singapore Amateur Football Association announced today.

It added that a crack combined Indonesian team from Djakarta will arrive here in June for four games.—United Press.

**Thai Middleweight Wins In 11-round TKO**  
Tokyo, Apr. 20. Somdej Yongtrakul of Thailand won the oriental middleweight boxing title tonight by defeating Hachiro Taniuchi of Japan by a technical knockout after the 11th round in a 12-round bout.

Yongtrakul was on top from the start, landing heavy punches to his opponent's body and face. Taniuchi attempted a gallant rally, but was never on equal terms with his opponent.

Yongtrakul knocked Taniuchi to the floor three times during the fight and the Japanese boxer was visibly groggy during the later rounds.

After the 11th round the referee stopped the fight.

Taniuchi had held the title since last year when he defeated Tony Adams of the Philippines.—Reuter.

## Football Needs New Ideas If It Is To Thrive

Says ERIC NICHOLLS

Football is big business. And big business needs new ideas if it is to thrive. On that we can all agree. Unfortunately, English League club bosses seldom erupt in flashes of brilliance. It takes someone else to show 'em.

This week they were given a sensible tip for training, complete with demonstrations free gratis and for nothing. The London five-a-side and individual soccer skill championships displayed all the arts and crafts of soccer. And without the rough stuff.

On a wooden surface with small nets, the extremely fast game could be the answer to the trainer's prayer. Played in gym shoes, it is a test of ball control, accurate, first time passing, speed of thought and movement and inch perfect shooting. The ball must not be kicked above head height, the goals are only four feet high, and charging is strictly taboo.

**COMPETITIVE TRAINING**  
This encourages the players to keep the ball on the floor. Shots have to be low and well placed. It is competitive training. And that rules out boredom, or stulteness. Lack of facilities is no real argument against its inclusion in training schedules.

No club in England has a miniature Empire Pool or a Harrington Arena in its back yard. But the game can be played with equal results and benefits, on the grass pitch. And the individual tests of skill such as ball juggling, dribbling races along rows of skittles and target practice need no extra facilities.

Yet in London, only Fulham and Spurs do anything on these lines.

For most it's still the same old routine of lapping a track, gym work, and the occasional practice match thrown in for good measure.

Five and six-a-sides are played by other clubs. But for loosening up and a break for the players rather than a test of skill.

Strange, when one considers a footballer earns his living with a ball. Stranger still that despite this poor state of affairs, England has produced such ball artists as Stanley Matthews, Len Shackleton and Tom Finney.

**NOTICE**  
THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB  
In order to permit of the re-construction of a portion of the Grand Stand, the Club House will be closed at 9.00 p.m. on Saturday, 23rd April until further notice.

Neither meals nor refreshments of any kind will be served from the closing of the Club House until transfers to Public Restaurant have been completed on 2nd May.

By Order of the Stewards,  
H. MISA,  
Secretary.

4th April, 1955.

**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TENTH RACE MEETING**  
Saturday, 23rd April, 1955.  
(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 10 RACES.  
The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m.  
The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m.

**MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE**  
NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.  
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him. Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE**  
The price of admission will be \$3.00 each payable at the Gate. Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

**SERVANTS**  
Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may, on account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

**CASH SWEEP**  
Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$20.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road), and 5, D'Agular Street during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 4,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Secretary to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 4,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on the day preceding the Race Meeting for which they are reserved will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road), 5, D'Agular Street and 382, Nathan Road during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

**TOTALISATOR**  
Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS and TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER. NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

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HONG KONG KOWLOON

## INDIA'S BID FOR TOURISTS

Restrictions Relaxed  
Under  
40m Rupee Plan

Bombay, Apr. 20.

The Indian Government is making an all-out  
effort to attract more tourists.

Under a 40,000,000-rupee (about \$3,077,000)  
plan for promoting tourism, 40 places of interest  
to the tourist, ranging from the 2,000-year-old  
richly carved caves of Ajanta and Ellora and  
Ellora in Hyderabad to the picturesque hill station  
of Darjeeling in West Bengal, within sight of the  
snow-clad peaks of the Himalayas, are to be  
developed.

As hunting is still one of the  
major attractions for tourists  
coming to India, the Govern-  
ment has appointed recognised  
"shikhar" agents at places famous  
for big game hunting.

## GOVERNMENT GUIDES

Tourist offices already  
exist in most of the major  
cities to give information to  
the foreign traveller. Guides  
appointed by the Govern-  
ment are put through a  
rigorous 3-month training  
course in history, art,  
architecture and rules and  
regulations affecting the  
foreign tourist.

In addition, the guides must  
also know all about local  
customs and festivals.

Five new tourist offices are  
to be opened in the country—  
three of them being in the hill  
stations of Darjeeling (West  
Bengal), Simla (near Delhi) and  
Ootacamund (Madras). The  
other two are at Bangalore  
(Mysore) and Amritsar  
(Hyderabad).

Tourist information offices are  
already functioning at Srirangar  
(Kashmir), Agra, the city of the  
Taj Mahal, and the 3,000-year-old  
city of Benares, sprawling on the  
left bank of the river Ganges.

Regional tourist offices are  
functioning at Bombay, Calcutta,  
Madras and Delhi, while India  
also has a tourist bureau in  
New York.

Among the tourist centres  
which the Indian Government  
proposes to develop are Aurnga-  
bad, a few hours' journey from  
Bombay, where some of the  
most remarkable monuments in  
India, including the Ajanta and  
Ellora caves, are to be seen, and  
Udaipur and Chitor in, sandy  
Rajasthan.

Udaipur, situated on the  
banks of a large lake and often  
described as the "Venice of the  
East", is famous for its white  
marble palaces, especially the  
palace of the Maharaja which  
has pavilions in mosaic on the  
walls.

Chitor is known for its fort  
where once Rajput warriors  
preferred death to surrender to  
the enemy.

## RICH IN HISTORY

Tourists who are rich in  
history to be developed are  
Jaisalmer and Somnath, in  
Saurashtra, in Western  
India, and the magnificent  
Kulu valley in East Punjab.  
There is also Santalibetel,  
"the abode of peace" about 100  
miles from Calcutta, where the  
great, Rabindranath Tagore,  
founded Visvabharati Univer-  
sity, a new experiment in  
education and a centre of Indian  
culture.

The well-known temple cities  
of South India such as Ramesh-  
waram, Conjeevaram and  
Mahabalipuram in Madras are  
to have better rest houses and  
the roads to these places are to  
be improved.

At Mahabalipuram, or the  
Seven Pagodas as the Europeans  
have named it, 50 miles from  
Madras there is on the seashore,  
a collection of ancient rock-  
hewn monuments which are  
some of the most important  
architectural remains in South  
India. They include monolithic  
temples, cave temples, monoli-  
thic figures, carvings and sculp-  
tures dating back to the fifth  
and sixth centuries AD.

Conjeevaram, known as the  
"Golden City", 45 miles from  
Madras, has richly carved  
temples.

At Rameshwaram, there is a  
temple renowned for its great  
pillared corridors nearly 4,000  
feet long. The temple itself,  
built round a quadrangle, is 850  
feet by 1,000 feet.

The game sanctuaries in  
Mysore and the Periyar  
sanctuary in the southern state  
of Travancore-Cochin are also  
to be made more accessible to  
the tourist.

## 'SHOOT' WILD LIFE

Tourists who come to  
India like to "shoot" wild  
life in the sanctuaries with  
their cameras. Some of their  
main targets are the bison,  
sambar spotted deer, Indian  
wolf and hyena which  
roam in the Periyar lake  
sanctuary.

The favourite haunts of  
sportsmen are the snow-clad  
Himalayas, the fertile India-  
Ganges Plains and the rugged  
Deccan Plateau. The Western  
Himalayas present the best op-  
portunities for sport.

Tiger shooting in the dense  
jungles of Madhya Pradesh,  
Rajasthan and West Bengal is  
still the major sport of big  
game hunters, but sportsmen  
also like to go to Kashmir to

shoot bears or to Assam to  
track down the rhinoceros.

Under the plan to promote  
tourism, roads linking tourist  
centres are to be improved and  
new roads opened where no  
communications at present exist.

Two new landing grounds are  
also to be improved at a cost of  
900,000 rupees (about \$69,230).

Some of the States which  
have palaces belonging to the  
former princely states have  
been asked by the Indian Gov-  
ernment to study the possibility  
of converting the palaces into  
guest houses for tourists.

## CONCESSIONS

A number of concessions  
have been made to tourists  
recently. "Relaxation of bar-  
gains restrictions have"  
also come into force. Tourists  
are now allowed to  
bring in articles such as  
cameras and cigarettes,  
while the value of duty free  
souvenirs which can be  
carried by tourists has been  
raised to 2,000 rupees  
(about \$154).

Some 32,000 tourists visited  
India in the first ten months of  
1954, a total which is expected  
to reach 37,000 when final  
figures are available. In 1953,  
about 28,000 tourists visited  
India.—China Mail Special.



Egyptian strong man—Abdullah—seen as he takes the weight of a car containing six  
people—total weight two tons—during a display of his feats in Copenhagen, where at  
present he is giving charity performances for the benefit of a Danish infants' home.—Express  
Photo.

BRONZE BUST OF FIRST  
CANADIAN WOMAN MP

Ottawa, Apr. 20.

A bronze bust has been unveiled in the House of  
Commons at Ottawa in memory of Miss Agnes Macphail,  
Canada's first woman Member of Parliament.

Miss Macphail, who died last  
year, stood first as a United  
Farmers' candidate and later  
as a Socialist, after the Co-  
operative Commonwealth  
Federation (Socialist) party  
was founded. She was re-elected  
four times for the constituency  
of Grey-Bruce, Ontario, until  
she was defeated in 1940. Later,  
she served in the Ontario legis-  
lature as a member for the  
Co-operative Commonwealth  
Federation.

Canada's pioneer woman par-  
liamentarian was long a lonely  
figure in the green chamber of  
the House of Commons. Even  
today, there are only four  
women Members at Ottawa,  
three of them Conservatives  
and one Liberal. There are,  
however, five women Senators.

Miss Macphail was particu-  
larly interested in prison reform  
and succeeded in doing much  
to raise the standard of condi-  
tions for women prisoners in

Canada. The Elizabeth Fry  
Society of Canada, named after  
the British Quaker prison re-  
former, is carrying on Miss  
Macphail's work.

The Macphail Memorial Fund  
has been organised to establish  
scholarships for students in-  
terested in the probation and re-  
habilitation of women prisoners.

After a life spent in the pub-  
lic service, Agnes Macphail died  
in poverty involving real dis-  
tress.—China Mail Special.

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



## FERD'NAND

By Milt



## NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



## JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins

Great Plains May  
Suffer Worst  
Storms In History

Washington, Apr. 20.

Farmers in the Great Plains of the United  
States have been warned that their area may  
suffer the worst dust storms in history in the next  
few months.

Mr Tom Dale of the United States Soil and  
Conservation Service, has collected data which  
indicates that the 26,000,000 acres of the Great  
Plains—an area almost equal to the size of  
England—are in condition to "blow."

Already, in 1954, dust storms  
tore the surface soil from  
17,000,000 acres of grass and  
croplands, leaving behind the  
beginnings of a desert.

In the past 12 months, 43  
dust storms, each at least 100  
miles in diameter, with visibili-  
ty ranging from one mile down  
to a few feet and driven by  
winds of up to 100 miles per  
hour, have blanketed the Great  
Plains.

In those storms, street lights  
had to be turned on at noon, in  
scores of towns, a train was  
derailed by settled dust, roads  
disappeared under eight feet of  
dirt, a woman was lost and  
smothered to death under drift-  
ing dust at Clovis, in New  
Mexico, and flights of ducks  
and geese came tumbling to  
earth, choked by dust which  
turned to mud in their gullets.

## THREE STATES SOIL

The land stripped by the  
winds was formerly rich  
best grazing country, cot-  
ton plantations and wheat  
fields. One farmer in the  
area, at Eads, Colorado,  
described in a Press report  
how he had seen top soil  
from three states fly past  
his farm windows.

"First, I saw a big red cloud,"  
he said, "and I knew that was  
dirt from the bean-growing  
country around Omdway, 45  
miles from my farm. A few  
days later, I saw tan dirt and  
knew that must have come from  
Nebraska. Then came black  
dirt, and from the direction, it  
was obviously from Kansas."

According to the Soil Con-  
servation Service, dust storms

There was indeed a rush by  
farmers to World War II to  
make fortunes by growing  
wheat for which the Govern-  
ment was guaranteeing high  
prices. They fanned out on to  
the plains of Kansas and  
Colorado, tearing off the natu-  
ral cover of grass which had  
held down the soil.

## IGNORED

Ignoring scientific farm-  
ing practices necessary for  
tilage of drier earth, they  
sowed wheat wherever they  
could in their hunger for  
quick, and big, profits.

When the droughts came in  
1951, the wheat died and there  
was no vegetation to hold down  
the top soil. The winds came and  
blew the top soil away, watched  
by the helpless farmers.

Once the dust starts blowing  
on the Great Plains, history  
has shown that a dust-bowl  
starts unless rain follows—and  
the dust-bowl spreads with  
cancer-like rapidity.

The good soil on which  
vegetation could flourish and  
knit the surface is carried away  
and some of the eroded soil is  
deposited on nearby wheat,  
grass, cotton, or other vegeta-  
tion, smothering it, and so ex-  
posing more and more growing  
area to attack by the wind.

A large part of the organic  
matter and fine particles of soil  
are blown hundreds or thou-  
sands of miles away, and the  
granular structure of the soil  
breaks down. Years of good  
farming are necessary to re-  
store the soil structure.

According to Mr Dale, land  
in "condition to blow" this year  
covers large areas of Colorado,  
Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma,  
Texas, Montana, Nebraska,  
North Dakota, South Dakota  
and Wyoming.

The months of September,  
October and November were  
completely dry or below aver-  
age in rainfall in these drought-  
ravaged areas. A late fall of  
snow in December in some areas  
of the Great Plains could  
alleviate the situation, but only  
if good spring rains follow.

The Soil Conservation Ser-  
vice has drawn up plans for  
emergency and long-term at-  
tacks on the spread of the dust-  
bowl.

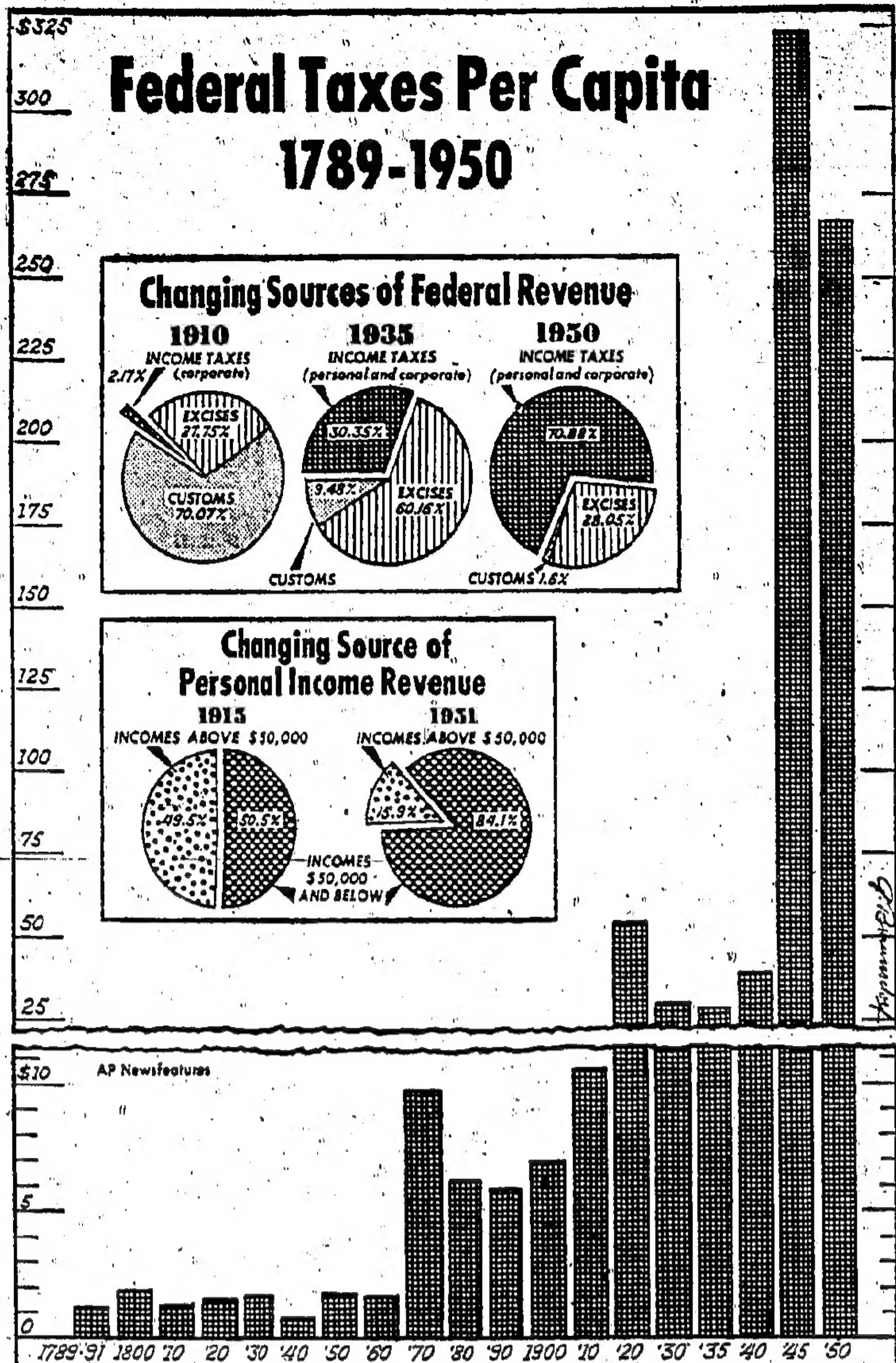
The main weapon is water  
conservation. When a field starts  
to blow away the emergency  
measure taken is "deep listing."  
This entails ploughing deep  
furrows across the field, several  
yards apart.

VARIOUS FACTORS  
Such listed furrows will  
stop soil blowing for a  
period, raising from a few  
hours to a week, depending  
on various factors, especial-  
ly wind velocity.

Long term measures are based  
on planting grasses, trees and  
soybeans, avoiding tillage of  
poor land, and retreating from  
overstocking ranges.—China  
Mail Special.

...this situation  
calls for a  
San  
Miguel





## Want To Feel Worse? Look At The Taxes Of Yesteryear

By FRANK O'BRIEN

Washington, Apr. 19. If anyone ever decides to raise a monument to the best-loved US Congresses, a pair of extremely popular nominees would be the 7th and the 15th.

They have the unusual distinction of voting to abolish all internal revenues in the years 1802 and 1818.

Unfortunately for today's taxpayers, neither decision was permitted to remain on the books.

### Dig Down

During most of the years since the government was set up in 1789, US citizens have had to dig down for internal taxes of one sort or another. However, as the accompanying chart of per capita Federal taxes show, it is only in comparatively recent times that they have had to dig so deep. It wasn't until after 1900 that total Federal taxes climbed above \$10 a head, and they broke through the \$100 mark only in the past 15 years.

The long story of Federal debt and taxes started when the first Congress assumed the 75½ million dollars of foreign and domestic obligations incurred during the Revolutionary War. But that first Congress didn't forget that taxation was a major cause of the war against England and it started the nation off tax free—the Government was supported entirely by customs duties on foreign goods.

However by 1792 interest on Revolutionary War debt was running 60 per cent of Federal spending (interest on the Federal debt now runs 10 per cent of total outlays), so with considerable trepidation Congress on March 3, 1791, laid on taxes of 9 to 30 cents a gallon on "spirits." (Nowadays the whisky tax is \$10.50 a gallon.)

Immediately outraged cries arose that any internal tax "controverted the prin-

ciples of liberty." The famous Whiskey Rebellion, in the frontierland of southwest Pennsylvania, resulted.

The Federal Government called out the troops and once and for all asserted its authority. But the tax, as a revenue measure, was a flop. It brought in only \$422,000 in 1793.

On June 5, 1794, Congress laid a tax in carriages, snuff, refining of sugar, and auction sales. This move, including further taxes on homes, land and slaves enacted in 1798, was another disappointment—it failed to bring in expected revenues. But customs collections were doing fine. By 1801 the Treasury had a 3½ million dollar surplus.

Next year, the 7th Congress thankfully abolished the whole embarrassing business of internal revenue. Congress re-enacted about the same internal imposts in 1813 and 1814 to pay for the War of 1812, but in 1818 it again wiped out all internal taxes.

### 3 Per Cent

The tax repeal of 1818 lasted right up to 1861—to the Civil War. But when internal revenue came back, it came with a bang that still echoes when paychecks are opened. Along with a lengthy list of sales taxes, the Civil War code introduced the first Federal income tax, on people, and business.

Congress imposed a tax of 3 per cent on incomes above \$800 to help pay for the war. Successive raises brought the rates up to 5 per cent on income from \$600 to \$5,000 and 10 per cent above \$5,000. The current basic rate is 20 per cent, although the effective tax on lower incomes today might be about the same due to exemptions.

The Civil War tax was abolished in 1872.

Taxation of income had been demonstrated to be quick, easy and productive, but it was not until the eve of the next big war—1913—when the income tax that is still with us (but very much grown up) was written.

Since 1913, the income tax has played a large, but still hard to assess, role in social and economic changes.

Along with excises, the income taxes have all but completely eclipsed that old standby of the early days—customs receipts. As the first inset shows, as recently as 1910 customs accounted for nearly three-quarters of total Federal revenue. Income taxes climbed to nearly one-third of the total take by 1935 and now run near the three-quarter mark.

The second inset shows another shift, concerning personal income taxes alone. In 1915 the well-to-do paid almost half the revenue derived from personal income taxes. But by 1951—although still paying the highest rates—the share of total personal income revenue derived from persons making more than \$50,000 dropped to 15.9 per cent.

In 1915 it would cost the Government about a sixth of its income tax revenue to abandon taxation of incomes over half a million dollars a year.

### Same Amount

The Government could have wiped out all income taxes on those big incomes in 1951 and it would have lost less than 2 per cent of the personal income tax yield. In 1951 the Government collected just about the same amount of tax on incomes between \$750 and \$1,000 as it did on incomes of 1 and 1½ million—each bracket yielding about 50 million dollars. Associated Press Newsfeatures.

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## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

# US Opposition To Japanese Textile Imports AMERICA UNABLE TO COMPETE WITH LOWER WAGE LEVELS

By John Morka

New York, Apr. 20.

The Japanese textile industry—possibly more so than any other—appears to be bearing the brunt of some of the most violent American opposition to any further US trade concessions or tariff reductions to promote Japanese exports.

American textile mills are busier now than in almost two years. However, the industry is worried. There is concern about its competitive position, abroad, and in its own home market.

Once the world's leading textile shipper, the US is now in fourth place, behind Japan, India and Great Britain.

In the US domestic market, Japan is the No. 1 supplier, more than all the other combined. And what's more, American textile spokesmen say, the lower prices and higher qualities of many Japanese products are even pushing American items out of its own market; and all this is under the current tariff schedules. Any further reductions, as proposed under pending legislation or else arising from the current three-way negotiations at Geneva under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), might mean the demise of much of the industry, it is emphasised.

### SPECTRE RAISED

At recent tariff hearings, American textile spokesmen have raised the spectre of a flood of Japanese textiles along the proportions seen in 1938-39, which many ascribe as the major factor for the biggest American textile depression.

Opposition to President Eisenhower's foreign trade programme calling for more liberalised world trade is linked closely to opposition to GATT and the prospect of multilateral trade arrangements affecting Japan.

The United States, as part of its overall programme to promote Japanese exports, is now engaged in negotiations at Geneva whereby it will grant certain trade concessions to those countries which in turn make concessions to Japanese products. A list of nearly 200 commodities has been prepared by the US for possible tariff cuts. Textiles in just about every form appear on the list.

### SEGMENTS RALLIED

In the numerous trade hearings incidental of proposed tariff legislation, the American textile industry, for the first time in years, has been able to rally its many segments in a concerted drive against such tariff reductions as envisioned under the Eisenhower's economic programme.

### DISCOUNT TIME FOR BILLS

Istanbul, Apr. 19. The Turkish Central Bank may in future be allowed to discount bills drawn on industrial concerns, mining and steel companies for up to 120 days compared with 90 days hitherto. This change is contained in a set of new banking regulations which have been submitted to the Turkish National Assembly for approval.

Another new regulation amends the amount of money which the Bank can advance to the State up to 15 per cent of the annual State Budget. Previously a fixed amount of T220 million was permitted. —China Mail Special.

### FREE CURRENCIES NEGOTIATIONS

Rome, Apr. 19. The Foreign Trade Ministry has instructed banks that they may freely negotiate free currencies and ECU currencies remitted in settlement for Italian exports.

The sole provision is that customs documents proving the goods have been exported, are made available to the Ministry. —China Mail Special.

In their opposition to any further encouragement for Japanese textiles, American spokesmen insist that the only area of competition in the textile industry is in the wage level. Raw products, cost about the same everywhere.

The same modern, money-saving machinery is likewise available. But American textile people insist, the Japanese wage scales—about one-tenth that prevailing in the US—is the determining factor in cloth prices. Even the admittedly more efficient American mills cannot offset this price advantage, it is pointed out.

### SOME IMPROVEMENT

The American textile industry has shown some improvement of late, it is conceded. Backlogs are now stretched out to upwards of 13 weeks working time. But, more importantly, textile mills say, is the narrowing profit margin within which American mills are being squeezed.

A year ago, according to one survey, the rate of return was only 0.8 per cent of sales.

The current industry-wide profit ratio is put at slightly less than 2 per cent. That is not enough, the industry points

out. It recalls profit margins of 4.8 and 6.5 per cent in recent years.

Accordingly, many see little chance of much improvement in this connection, insisting that Japanese competition and prices exert the strongest downward pressure on American prices.

Many mills have turned to consolidation as one answer to their problems. Many have already turned their plants and investments to altogether new fields outside the realm of textiles. More than 100 mills, employing about 40,000 workers, have been absorbed into larger organisations to cut costs and to perform further flexibility in the last two years.

### JAP DEVELOPMENTS

The American textile industry is particularly worried about the rise in Japanese industry developments in the last two years.

The volume of cotton consumed in Japan last year, for example, rose 48 per cent above 1950, totalling 48,588,305 square yards, compared to less than seven million in 1952. This trend is said to be continuing and some 50,000,000 square yards are expected to be landed there during 1955. —United Press.

## STOCK EXCHANGE QUIETLY STEADY

Little Business In Holiday Week

By A Special Correspondent

A small flow of "nervous capital," from overseas Chinese kept the Hongkong Stock Exchange quietly ticking over in another short holiday week.

Before the Ice House Street exodus for Wailing began yesterday afternoon, the market showed virtually no change from last week's rates and about the only point of interest during the week—but it could hardly be called a market feature—was a sale of Wharves at \$78.

Somebody must have wanted those shares badly! When the dividend was paid in March they fell from \$70 to \$62. So that in the last month, they've gained \$16 which, for a company promising no bright prospects in the immediate future, is quite a jump.

There was no interest in Wharves shares yesterday and they were quoted nominally at \$78, their last sale price.

Providents have slipped back slightly and appear ready for a rise soon. These shares are a good buy at \$11.50, especially in view of the increased trade in the first quarter of this year. The prospects are that this improvement will be maintained during the summer months. Providents will certainly benefit from this and they should show higher earnings in the coming months.

### UNIONS' RISE

Wheellocks remain quiet—and a good buy—at around \$13.50.

Hotels at \$11.30 are about steady on the week while Lands have slipped \$1.50 to \$64.

Banks are steady while Unions—after rising to \$1.025 and a new peak, are back to \$1.020 last week's price. These shares, of course, have a definite appeal to the big investor and

### Foreign Capital 'Craze' In India

Ahmedabad, Apr. 19. Shantilal Mangaldas, President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce, has criticised the "craze" for foreign capital in India. He pleaded for a wider scope for indigenous capital.

He said there was no paucity of capital in India. The question was one of channelling it into the industrial field.

He suggested that the Indian Government should provide incentives for indigenous private capital to enter the field of industry by adopting a definite policy towards the problem of banking. —China Mail Special.

### Encouragement For Sweden's Export Trade

Stockholm, Apr. 20. Sweden's economic activity is more pronounced this year than in the past few years, said the Swedish Minister of Trade, Mr John Ericsson, in a speech last week.

Employment is on a larger scale and the shortage of manpower is becoming apparent once more.

The industrial production in January was five per cent above the level in the same month of 1954.

### Restrictions On Insurance

Cologne, Apr. 19. The Federation of German Industries has called on the West German Government to lift restrictions on German firms taking out insurance policies abroad.

The Federation asks that the restrictions be lifted in those sections of insurance connected with German export trade—the insurance of machines, construction works and building projects and firm insurance.

Main reason for the Federation's appeal is that premiums of foreign companies are usually much less than those of German firms. —China Mail Special.

### GLOBAL VIEW

While, viewed globally, the total volume of investments is now so large that any further increase is out of question, it is a matter of general interest to facilitate such moderate investments within certain fields of the export trade as may result in increased exports.

Oslo, Apr. 19. The Norwegian Journal of Commerce and Shipping reports that Norway will probably obtain a 25 million dollar loan from the World Bank and will also raise a series of loans totalling 15 million dollars on the open market in the US. —China Mail Special.

In the period 1948-51 priority was given to investments calculated to further the country's exports. Experience has shown that this was a rational measure, and one that contributed to the ample supply of goods which we have had in recent years. Mr Ericsson concluded.

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